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THE WAR. TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE CAMBRAI BATTLE REGION.

London, Dec. 3.
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—
We repulsed attacks after sharp fighting, in the neighbourhood of Abbeville.
The London Regiment captured twelve machine-guns and a number of prisoners, in the neighbourhood of Bourlon.
There has been considerable reciprocal artillery activity on the southern battlefront.

THE GREAT GERMAN ATTACK.

London, Dec. 3.
Reuter's Correspondent at Headquarters, telegraphing to-day, says: It looks as if the German effort round Cambrai has temporarily spent itself, although they are showing aggressive activity this morning, round the region of Valenciennes.
The salient about Masnières, from which we have withdrawn, is untenable for the enemy, except in the deep catacombs, with which the position is believed to be honeycombed.
The recent attack was one of the greatest, if not actually the greatest, the Germans have ever launched on the Western Front, the only possible claimant to its equal in magnitude being the second battle at Ypres. I compute that twenty divisions were employed against us, which, even at the diminished strength of the present German divisions, would represent 200,000 infantry.
Our troops this morning were cheerful at the situation and think the results of the great offensive so far, constitute a notable British success.

If a sum total of Germany's losses in the field will win the war for us, then we have taken a substantial step in this direction, during the past four days.

GERMAN REPORT.

London, Dec. 3.
A German official message states: We beat off, yesterday, strong English attacks, to the north of Passchendaele.
The firing increased in violence in the evening.
We repulsed an attack between Inchy and Bourlon.
We have taken, since Friday, 6,000 prisoners and 100 guns.

A WAR OF PEOPLES.

INTERVIEW WITH GENERAL VON LUDENDORFF.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 3.
During the course of a conversation with the representative of a Vienna newspaper, General von Ludendorff said the war would not end in a draw, but in favour of the Central Powers. Regarding the Russian armistice, he said it must be for the security of Austria and Germany that the Government possesses the power to enforce the results of the negotiations. A general armistice would be difficult, as the submarine activity would have to be interrupted and so, the Entente could improve its position, while no supplies reached the Central Powers. An armistice must therefore be short otherwise the military situation would suffer. Modern war is war of the peoples, not of the armies. War now terminates with the defeat of an enemy people. There are no decisive battles now, as formerly they merely exercised an influence on the whole system of alliances and alliances.

THE ITALIAN FRONT. LULL IN THE BATTLE.

London, Dec. 3.
Reuter's Correspondent at French Headquarters in Italy, telegraphing on December 2, states:—
For the moment there seems to be a truce in the battle between the Brenna and the Piave; the reasons being that the Austro-Germans are forced to pause for breath, after many days of unsuccessful and costly attacks. This interlude of calm, however, must not deceive us. Heavier and still heavier enemy attacks must be expected.
The Germans and Austrians have profited by the fine dry weather during the last ten days by bringing up reinforcements of artillery, and constantly the Italian airmen are locating new enemy battery positions, which come under the fire of the Italian guns and already, before the French and the British have fired a shot, the enemy reinforcements have been brought to a stand.
The weather is already bitterly cold and the endurance of the troops fighting in the mountains is subjected to a severe test, after the well organised comfort of France, even in the war zone. A few days in Italy bring home to one what the Italians have had to endure since they entered the war. Only by the utmost economy can the supplies of fuel be made to fill the passing day's needs in the winter. The food is sufficient, but careful husbandry is necessary. Nevertheless, neither cold nor rationing nor military misfortune has availed to damp the resolution of the Italian people. They face, with entire calm, the military and economic problems of the coming year.

ARTILLERY ACTIONS.

London, Dec. 3.
An Italian official message states: There were intense and prolonged artillery actions in the Passubio and Melette regions, and also to the north of Mount Grappa.

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LORD LANSDOWN'S LETTER.

London, Dec. 3.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Bona Law refused to agree to a secret session to discuss Lord Lansdown's letter.
After several questions, some of a frivolous nature, regarding the letter and its relation to the recent German move regarding peace, Mr. Bona Law, after a long and somewhat heated discussion, was formally asked the question: "Will the Government discuss the letter?"

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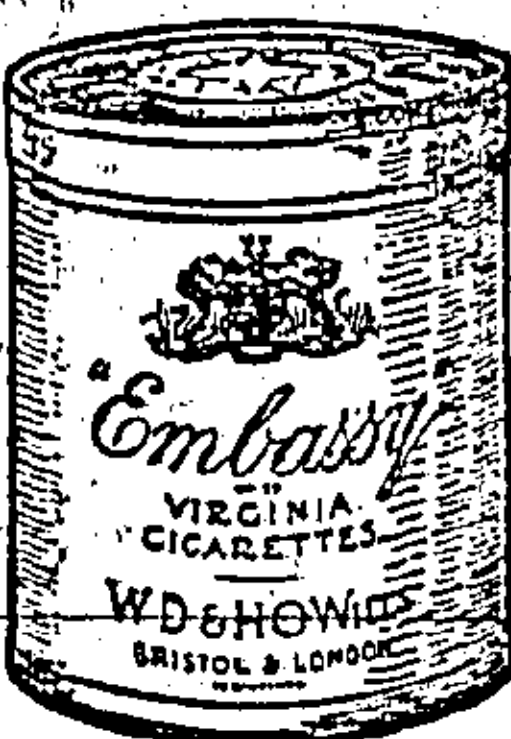
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PRINCESS AND THE AEROPLANE.

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A remarkable case arising out of a princess' attempt to purchase a four-seater aeroplane was heard at Manchester City Police Court on October 5th, when Princess Lowenstein-Wertheim, the widow of a cousin of the Kaiser, and a sister of Lord Mexborough, was fined £50 for supplying false particulars of herself to the proprietor of the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, and for travelling from London to Manchester and Leeds without a permit.

The Princess, after staying two or three days with her sister, went to Manchester, where she registered, on the necessary form, as Evelyn Ellis, of British nationality, of 118, Portchester Terrace, London—an address which does not exist—she failed to give other essential particulars.

The Princess' purpose in coming to Manchester, said Mr. P. M. Heath, deputy town clerk, who prosecuted, was to make inquiries about aeroplanes. She telephoned to certain aeroplane works, and later called there and asked if they could make her a four-seater aeroplane with an engine of 200 horse-power, to be delivered within a month.

Such a request naturally aroused suspicion, said Mr. Heath, who pointed out that the type of aeroplane the Princess required would be capable of remaining in the air at least ten hours, and of flying across the North Sea. "It might, of course," added Mr. Heath, "be used for carrying away German officers who escaped from internment camps in this country."

When the Princess, in consequence of her unusual request, was questioned by a detective at her hotel in Manchester, she said she wanted the aeroplane so that she could help in the war, and that this was her only motive, was made clear by the evidence of her brother, Lord Mexborough. He declared that the Princess, far from having any leaning to Germany, was the most patriotic person in the family, and added: "She is mostly keen about war work."

The Princess, Lord Mexborough stated in reply to questions, had developed a great passion for flying. She had flown across the Channel and in Egypt, and in 1914 she ordered from a London firm an aeroplane for her own use, and during the outbreak of war she had been delivered

"What attitude have you and the members of your family adopted towards this craze for flying—have you approved or disapproved?" asked Mr. Heath.

"We have disapproved," replied Lord Mexborough. "We have been strongly against it, and that has led her to adopt all sorts of subterfuges."

Lord Mexborough also said that his sister had been to the Air Board, as she had an idea of presenting an aeroplane to the Government, and thought she might help in the war by scouting and patrolling.

She had written a letter to the "Yorkshire Post" as follows:—

Sir,—As the question of air defence is becoming every day more urgent, I take leave to suggest that a volunteer flying force should be raised. This might be, used chiefly for scouting or patrol work. For this purpose machines which have been superseded in favour of those which are the last word in aeroplanes would be immediately available. The former, though not good from the flying point, would be excellent and safe machines.

Needless to say, this volunteer force could be composed of qualified pilots only. They also could be recruited from those less fit for the strenuous work of the front.

Should any one sympathize with this idea and wish to co-operate in developing it, any suggestions or communications addressed as below will be gladly welcomed.

"V.F. c/o of the 'Yorkshire Post'."

The letter was signed "A.L.W."

"I take it that flying has become an absolute obsession with her?" asked Mr. Heath.

"Yes, that is the word," replied Lord Mexborough.

Have you ever heard her express any views on the present war other than those which are perfectly patriotic?—Never. Legally, you know, she is a German Princess?—Yes.

She was born and bred in Britain, and is a thorough patriotic British subject?—Absolutely.

TO AVOID MISFECTION.

Lord Mexborough also said he thought that his sister endeavoured to hide the fact that she was a German Princess because of the suspicion that would attach to her. That was the reason why she did not give her name.

If her sympathies are so British, asked Mr. Heath, "how is it she has not taken steps for naturalization?"

"I cannot enter into her reasons," replied Lord Mexborough. "She did take some steps, and I understand many people have said it was the right thing to do."

The Princess is quite free to correspond with her friends by letter. If her purposes were innocent why did she not make these arrangements through the post?—I cannot answer that question. Further evidence to show the Princess was given by her cousin, Commander Cecil, R.N., who said he knew all about this case, and that during the outbreak of war she had been delivered

approved of it on personal grounds. He added that he considered her feelings to Britain were loyal in every way, and that she had never shown any sympathy with Germany.

She had a nickname with the family, I think," said Mr. Acton, for the defence. "Was she not called 'John Bull'?"

"Yes, I think she was by some members of the family," was the reply.

FATHER BERNARD VAUGHAN.

Mr. Acton then read a letter from Father Bernard Vaughan, who regretted that he was unable to attend the Court. Father Vaughan wrote:—

"These lines are to testify that I have known the Princess most of her life. Of course, there can be no question of her loyalty and patriotism as an Englishwoman. Throughout the progress of this war she has borne herself as a true British subject, and no one can question her true English character."

Mr. Acton then pointed out that for a lady blessed, or perhaps burdened, with a title conveying the idea of royalty to travel about incognito "was something entirely different from the case of an ordinary person adopting such means of hiding identity."

"Had she declared herself as a princess to the management of the Victoria Hotel," he added, "she would have entailed a great deal of bother and fuss, which she wished to avoid. The princess, in the matter of flying, is perhaps a monomaniac, but her movements and her inquiries were directed to the one end of helping this country. Flying is her ruling passion, and it is true that she has been guilty of some irregularities, which are entirely due to this passion."

Mr. Acton added that, because the lady had married a German prince an atmosphere of suspicion had been created, and urged that there were no grounds for the suggestion that she wished to obtain an aeroplane of her own to carry German prisoners back to Germany.

The magistrate finally acquitted the Princess of any disloyal motive, but fined her £25 on each of the two charges.

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THE CALENDAR.

General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, Dec. 6.—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, Piano, Gramophone, etc., at 2, Saifoo Terrace, Nathan Road, Kowloon.
FRIDAY, Dec. 7.—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Miscellaneous Goods (Dress Materials, Sheets, Linen, Curtains, etc.) at Messrs. Hughes and Houghs.
SATURDAY, Dec. 8.—
General Holiday.
MONDAY, Dec. 10.—
2.30 p.m.—Recital by Mr. Denman Fuller in Helena May Institute.
SATURDAY, Dec. 15.—
General Holiday.

THE CHINA MAIL.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Five cases of enteric fever were reported in the Colony last week, none of them fatal. There was one fatal case of diphtheria.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals has been acknowledged with thanks the following donation to the Funds of the Hospitals:—

Fruit and Veg. Guild, \$100.

A Peking telegram states that a Mandate has been issued ordering a sudden cancellation of the armistice, owing to the fact that the Southerner will not respect the undertaking but continue their offensive. The new Premier, however, is stated to be anxious to effect a peaceful settlement.

Fire broke out in the operating room of the Wan Kang Cinema at West Point yesterday. The outbreak occurred amongst the films in the operating room whilst the 2.15 p.m. show was in progress, and a quantity of films and cinema accessories were burnt. The fire was put out by the employees of the Cinema who used the appliances at hand, and the fire was extinguished before the arrival of the Fire Brigade. No one in the audience was injured.

A Chrysanthemum Picnic will be held in Tsan Fook's garden, in Po I ag Kowloon (about five minutes' ride from the ferry wharf), on the 8th, 9th, 15th and 16th inst. The steam launch *Hon Hai* will be available for the conveyance of guests and will leave the Prince, opposite the Central Market, at intervals of one hour, during the afternoon. Refreshments and music will be provided at the gardens. Of the proceeds, including sales of flowers, half will be for the Ambulance Branch of the Police Reserve and half for the Tientsin Flood Relief Fund.

FLOODS IN SIAM.

Writing of the floods, a Siam correspondent says: To-day Bangkok is the centre of a huge lake. I have to go through water to the knees to get from the office to my house. Trains do not run and many trams have stopped. Many people have vacated their houses and gone to hotels. Things in the country are in a fearful state. People are living on their house-tops. Two-thirds of the rice crop are probably gone and thousands of cattle and buffaloes have perished.

BRITISH GENERALS KILLED IN THE WAR.

The death of General Maude reminds us of the unusually large number of general officers who have recently appeared in the casualty lists. The killed include Brigadier-General F. A. Maxwell, V.C., D.S.O.; Brigadier-General Malcolm Peake, C.M.G.; Brigadier-General C. H. Brown, D.S.O.; and Brigadier-General F. Johnson, both of the New Zealand Forces; and Major-General Holmes of the Australian Forces. Among the wounded are Major-General T. G. Matheson, Brigadier-General G. N. Colville, D.S.O.; Brigadier-General J. Kennedy, D.S.O.; Brigadier-General Minibull, D.S.O.; Major-General Sir A. H. Russell, K.C.M.G.; and Lieutenant-General Sir W. Norris Congreve, V.C.

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The approximate statement of traffic receipts for the week ending 1st December, is as follows:—

	Aggregate Receipts for week	48 weeks
This year	12,693	647,810
Last year	12,174	688,437
Increase	519	
Decrease	389	
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THE MAGISTRACY.

MARINE HAWKERS DISCHARGED.

The case, which was resumed this afternoon in which two Chinese marine hawkers were charged with the larceny of \$40 lbs. of pig iron, valued at \$60, from the *s.s. Ecuador*.

Both defendants pleaded not guilty and were defended by Mr. M. K. Lo, Inspector Gordon, stated that Mr. Barra, on behalf of the Pacific Mail & Co., had decided to withdraw the case. As far as the Police were concerned he had made enquiries and traced a man from whom he obtained a receipt for the ship, for a quantity of ropes and wire, for which \$25 gold and \$7 Mex had been paid. The writing on this receipt was identical with that which was denied by the chief officer and the boatswain. He referred the matter to the Captain Superintendent of Police who interviewed both the Agent, Mr. Morton, and the ship's Captain. But as the ship would have to be detained, and as they were unable to replace the chief officer on the ship, the Captain Superintendent decided not to proceed with the case otherwise the defendants would also be charged with receiving.

Mr. Lo said as far as he was concerned he was quite prepared to defend the prisoners even on the charge of receiving. The defendants were marine hawkers, and certainly they would not refuse the chance of a good bargain, but it would be a different matter to say they were parties to a dishonest transaction. He thought that on consideration that the men had been in prison they ought to be entitled to some compensation. He asked His Worship to express his opinion on that point.

Mr. Wood, however, preferred to make no pronouncement and ordered the defendants to be discharged.

CHARGE OF SENDING A THREATENING LETTER.

An aged Chinese was charged before Mr. Dyer Ball with sending a threatening letter to Mr. Winslow, Manager of the Kowloon Canton Railway, demanding \$5,000, on the 25th ultimo.

Mr. W. B. Hind appeared for the defence.

The case was adjourned until next Monday, half being fixed at \$1,000.

CHINESE FITTER SENT TO PRISON.

A Chinese fitter was charged before Mr. Dyer Ball this morning with the theft of electric wire.

Defendant pleaded not guilty. He said he had been executing some repairs to the electric fittings at the Chung Ngai San Po premises, and had been given permission to remove the wire.

This statement was denied, and Mr. Dyer Ball sentenced the defendant to fourteen days' hard labour.

THEFT OF A COAT.

An elderly Chinese was charged before Mr. Dyer Ball this morning with the larceny a black coat from No. 63 Cook Street.

It was alleged that the defendant was arrested as he was removing the coat, which was hung on a pole to dry.

Defendant pleaded not guilty, and stated that he was picking up the coat, which had been blown down by the wind, when he was arrested.

After hearing the evidence, Mr. Dyer Ball sentenced the defendant to one month's hard labour.

CHINESE CONSTABLES CHARGED WITH GAMBLING.

Two Chinese constables were amongst nineteen Chinese who were charged before Mr. Dyer Ball this morning with gambling at No. 2 Ho Kwok lane.

Sergeant Cottrell stated that one of the defendants was very untruthful when he was arrested. He attempted to push him down the stairs and he had to have recourse to somewhat forcible measures.

A fine of \$2 each was imposed.

CHINESE CONTRACTOR PROSECUTED.

Mr. Hutchings, of the Public Works Department, summoned a Chinese contractor for not taking down certain materials when his permit had expired.

Defendant pleaded not guilty, stating that the sheds were pulled down the day after he received the notice.

Mr. Hutchings stated that defendant's application for an extension of the date of his permit had been refused, but a new permit would have been granted to build the sheds on a new site.

Mr. Dyer Ball said the defendant ought to be punished with the notice of the Public Works Department, and ordered him to be fined \$20.

HONGKONG UNIVERSITY UNION.

TIENTSIN FLOODS.

The students of the Hongkong University have been busily engaged during the week-end in making arrangements for the two days, Thursday, Dec. 6th and Friday, Dec. 7th, during which a Grand Bazaar and Entertainments will be given in aid of the Fund of the Metropolitan Union Flood Relief Council.

The programme is extensive and a large number of tickets have already been sold. Each afternoon there will be a Grand Bazaar with side shows, from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., and again from 7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Refreshments will be provided and a band will add to the attractions. In the evening the Engineering and Scientific Laboratories will be opened from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. and there will also be a programme carried out in the Great Hall of the University. On Thursday evening, December 6th there will be a concert from 8 p.m. to 9.45 p.m. Many well known local artists have promised to assist in the various items for this concert. After a short interval for refreshments there will be a play, given by the students of the University, entitled "The Good Natured Man." This will take about one hour and will be in English.

The performance on Friday evening will be in Cantonese and will be carried out by students of the University. They have selected "The Merchant of Venice," and it will be of interest to those who know Cantonese to follow this rendering.

The appeal of the students is made in the name of charity. They will do their utmost to give visitors good value for their money and they can promise plenty of fun during the afternoons and more serious entertainment in the evenings.

SPORT.

SCRATCH BOAT RACE.

A scratch boat race was held on Sunday by the members of the Victoria Recreation Club, the event being very keenly contested. The course lay from the Corinthian Yacht Club to the Victoria Recreation Club, the distance being about half a mile. The following is the result of the race:

FIRST HEAT.

1st.—C. Rodrigues' crew.
2nd.—W. Moore's crew.
3rd.—J. M. Rosa Pereira's crew.

SECOND HEAT.

1st.—Sergt. London's crew.
2nd.—Lieut. Lovely's crew.
3rd.—A. H. Carroll's crew.

FINAL.

1st.—W. Moore's crew.
2nd.—C. Rodrigues' crew.
3rd.—Sergt. London's crew.

The final was a very good race. Rodrigues' crew led all the way from the start, but a fast giving way, they lost the race to Moore's crew by a quarter of a boat's length with Sergt. London's crew making a good third. The winning crew comprised of W. Moore (stroke), S. A. Marçal (3), H. Silva (2), and A. Silva (bow). Rodrigues' crew comprised—C. Rodrigues (stroke), J. M. Braga (3), F. M. Franco (2), and H. Hyndman (bow).

HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

MUSKETRY COURSE, 1917-18.

The undermentioned sections, warned to fire Part I on Sunday next, 9th December, will attend at Headquarters Club at 5.30 p.m. for general instruction as follows:—

No. 1 and 2 Sections—(No. 1 Platoon) Thursday, 6th December.

No. 3 Section—(No. 2 Platoon) Friday, 7th December.

Uniform optional. Musketty handbooks must be brought.

The results of shooting by the Staff Mounted Police and Maxim Gunners Club, and instant, are posted at Headquarters Club.

NO. 2 COMPANY, WINTER UNIFORM. Members of No. 2 Company, Ambulance and Engineers and Drummers requiring alteration or fresh issue of winter uniform are ordered to parade at Headquarters Club at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, 6th December. A room will be set aside for changing purposes.

All recruits will parade on Mondays and Fridays at Central Station at 5.30 p.m. until passed out.

F. O. TERRY, D.S.P. (R.).

An aeroplane postal service is being arranged for America. Congress is asked to authorize the transference to the Post Office of aeroplanes not serviceable for military purposes.

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LONDON LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OVERSEAS BUYING.

With their present difficulties our manufacturers have all they can do to meet the demands upon them, but they are being taught, I hear, not to impose too much upon their buyers, with war excuses. In some cases, I believe, contracts have been cancelled owing to late deliveries, although the price to-day is 20 per cent. higher than was set down in the same contracts. Moreover buyers in the East and elsewhere are not disposed to accept inequalities in delivery. There is a growing restlessness and independence on the part of buyers that point to the existence of considerable stocks in hand and consequently a quickened critical sense. These things are giving our manufacturers "powerfully to think."

THE KING.

While many a monarch is feeling uneasy on his throne, our own King is steadily gaining in the estimation of his subjects. The declaration by the Prime Minister to a Scotch audience that no man in the land works harder, brought a great and hard-headed audience of workers to their feet to acclaim him. It has taken some time to bring this state of affairs about, for the King hates fuss and advertisement, and so the pressure of facts has had to percolate gradually through the social strata. The fact is that even the lighter relaxations of the King are now almost abandoned, and from eight in the morning to eleven at night he is engrossed with state affairs. Next week he goes to the Clyde for a tour of inspection and he is assured in advance of a great welcome, for his recent travels have shown thousands of men and women who are "doing their bit" what a human, unaffected man their monarch is.

JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

Here is a statement made by a correspondent who is usually well-informed.

Undoubted anxiety is being felt in German military circles regarding what is described as great Japanese military activity in Manchuria, and in some quarters there is a disposition to connect the Japanese Mission now in America with this reported activity, and to suggest that plans are being discussed for the despatch of a big army by the Trans-Siberian Railway. An American official, asked if there was any serious foundation for this German fears, I found that gentleman rather reticent, but he said: "One of the main purposes of both the United States and Japan, in fact of all the Allies, is to have on the Russian front next year completely equipped armies of overwhelming strength. Russia has the numbers, but the organising power and something else equally essential are lacking. Whatever Russia lacks the United States and Japan will endeavour to make good." He added that in spite of the ferment, the American Industrial Commission in Russia, had done wonders in re-organising the railway and army supply services. That in fact is what all experienced men who have been in Russia agree upon, they are optimistic in their views that, given a fair chance, Russia will emerge and help to lick the Hun. But, on my own account, I am not inclined to credit the story of a big Japanese army en route from Manchuria.

SOCIETY MATCH.

The engagement of the Duke of Devonshire's daughter to Captain Mackintosh will put an end to the irresponsible chatter of that lady being about to marry the Prince of Wales. The choice of the Prince has never been made; he is too busy soldiering to think of these matters for the present, but this match was never in real prospect. Captain Mackintosh is his native land and "The Mackintosh" and its wealthy—a fact he owes largely to the lack of a son to Lady Verulam by her first marriage. He is reputed to be a very good fellow, while his bride is a rather demure damsel, so the combination should be a good one.

It is reported that in certain Governments circles there is a feeling of uneasiness about the attitude of a standard committee in connection with the League of Nations. The committee has been set up to investigate the League of Nations, and it is reported that the committee has been set up to investigate the League of Nations, and it is reported that the committee has been set up to investigate the League of Nations.

ing out the idea, which has been brought before the Imperial Government, might easily be unworkable, and it is contended that in the matter of exchange and commerce generally, Canada with its dollar and India with its rupee, might sensibly benefit, particularly if the new coinage were coupled with the introduction of the decimal system.

Incidentally I may mention that on the recommendation of the financial section of the London Chamber of Commerce a committee is inquiring into the constitution and powers of the Bank of England, with a view to reporting on the extent to which that institution may be utilised for the benefit of British trade in new directions after the war. Maybe it can be used in connection with the Government-favoured "British Corporation" that has been mooted, with the approval of the President of the Board of Trade, Sir Albert Stanley.

THE LONG BOW.

A scheme of a different character was suggested at a curious gathering the other night. Lord Willsbrook de Broke was in the chair and the chief speakers were Mr. Ben Tillett and a Captain George Hallett, who if I mistake not, has once or twice dabbled in China flotations in the City. Their idea is to float a corporation with a capital of a thousand millions sterling, to control all the raw materials coming to the country and the finished products and cut out the middle men. Pressed for the names of the syndicate behind the scheme, questioners were informed that they preferred to remain anonymous. This was not a promising start, and the further fact that on the dinner list—the scheme was made public at a lavish dinner—the names of the Premier and Sir Auckland Geddes, the head of the new national service department, were included without any authority, has led the press to give the proposals a kind of publicity that can hardly be helpful to the promoters.

SHANGHAI RACE CLUB AND WAR FUNDS.

As a result of the Autumn 1917 Race Meeting the following sums were obtained by the Race Club:—
War Funds and War Charities \$80,000
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Chinese Xmas Fund	250
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Belgian War Charities	250
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East London's Rest Home	100
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Orders for Auxiliary Company by Captain
J. E. W. Armstrong, Y.D.

PARADES. AT BELCHERS BATTERY.
THURSDAY, 6th December—
7.30 a.m. Eight Half Company (Gun
numbers other than specialists).
8.15 a.m. Left Half Company (Gun
numbers other than specialists).
FRIDAY, 7th December—
7.30 a.m. Right Half Company Layers
and Sappers Class only.
8.15 p.m. Left Half Company Layers
and Sappers Class only.

Orders for Engineer Company by
Captain W. Russell.

25th Nov. to 7th December—
E. L. Manning nightly at Belchers and
Lycemum. Parades as per Bosters post-
ed at Headquarters.
Engine drivers at 3.15 p.m.
Electricians at 3.30 p.m.

OFFICERS' MEETINGS FOR DUTY.
Belchers, Captain W. Russell.
Lycemum, End Lieut. Hill.
Stonecutters, Lieut. Stevenson.

PARADES FOR INSTRUCTION.
Classes for higher ratings at Belchers
at 5 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday,
under Staff Sergeant, Grenada, and Parsons.
E. E. Corporal Day and End Corporal
Borris, H. N. D. C.

Detail of Belchers Reliefs for Decem-
ber, 1917, is posted at Headquarters.
Detail of studies at Lycemum from 1st
to 15th Dec. is posted at Headquarters.

Orders for Infantry Battalion by
Major H. A. Morgan.

PARADES.
(For members of the Corps not in Camp
on the dates mentioned).

WEDNESDAY, 5th December—
4.30 p.m. Annual Musketry Course,
Part I, Practice 3 and 4, at Kings
Park Range, for Officers, N.C.O.s and men
(other than signallers). Recruits,
men over 50 years of age and "D" Com-
pany (who have not fired these practices).
Dress, Drill order.

WEDNESDAY, 5th December—
5.15 p.m. New members (joined since
1st 17th at Headquarters, under C. S. M.
Cooke and such other instructors as may
be available.
5.15 p.m. Quarry Bay residents at
Talkoo Dock.

Orders for Cadet Company by End Lieut.
J. E. W. Board.

PARADES.
The Company will go into Camp on
25th December at Lo Wu.
This is compulsory. All members
must attend.

FOOTBALL.
SATURDAY, 8th December—
No. 1 and 4 Sections at Victoria
School Ground.
No. 2 and 3 Sections at Yaumati
School Ground.
Kick off 2.30 p.m. sharp.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

The Parcel Post Services to British
East Africa and Egypt (except for mem-
bers of the Expeditionary Forces) and
to Abyssinia, Bagdad, Eritrea, French
Somal Coast, Italian Somaliland,
Portuguese East Africa, Zanzibar and
Russia have been suspended.

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OUTWARD.
For Week-Days SUNDAYS & HOLIDAYS
Hoi O ... 8.00 P.M.
Tai Po ... 10.00 A.M. 9.30 A.M.
Cheung Chow ... 7.30 A.M.
Shatankof, Sha-
tin and
Shengchiang ... 4.00 P.M.
Aberdeen, Antau
Ping, Shan,
Santin, Stanley ... 4.30 P.M.

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For Week-Days SUNDAYS & HOLIDAYS
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Tai Ping ... 9.30 P.M. 9.30 P.M.
Shatankof ... 9.30 P.M. 9.30 P.M.
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HONGKONG MARKET

PRICES.

Butcher Meat.

Best Sirloin—Moi Lung Pa ... lb. 31

Prime Cut ... lb. 31

Corned—Ham Ngau Yuk ... lb. 20

Roast—Shiu ... lb. 20

Brisket—Ngau Nam ... lb. 18

Soup—Tong Yuk ... lb. 16

Steak—Ngau Yuk Pa ... lb. 20

Steak Sirloin—Ngau Lan ... lb. 30

Sausages—Ngau Cheung ... lb. 28

Bullcock's Brains—Ngau No per set ... 9

Tongue, fresh—Ngau Lan each 45

Tongue, corned—Ham Ngau Lan each 60 cents

Head—Ngau Lan ... each 60

Heart—Ngau Sam ... each 13

Hump, salt—Ngau Kin ... each 18

Roast—Ngau Kuek ... each 10

Kidney—Ngau Yiu ... each 10

Heart—Chu Sam ... each 10

Kidney—Chu Yiu ... each 10

Liver—Chu Sam ... each 10

Pork Chop—Chu Pak Kwat ... each 24

Leg—Chu Pak ... each 28

Loin—Chu Hau Tau ... each 28

Pot of Lamb—Chu Yau ... each 21

Sheep's Head and Feet—Young ... set 60

Tan Kuek ... set 60

Heart—Young Sam ... each 8

Kidney—Young Yiu ... each 8

Liver—Young Kin ... each 8

Sucking Pig, to order—Chu Tai ... each 1.20

Suckling Pig, to order—Chu Tai ... each 1.20

Veal—Ngau Tai Yuk ... each 20

Sausages—Ngau Tai Ching ... each 20

Lard—Chu Yau ... lb. 10

Fish.

Barbel—Ka Yu ... lb. 28

Bream—Pin Yu ... lb. 18

Canton Fish Water Fish ... lb. 18

Carp—Li Yu ... lb. 22

Catfish—Chu Yu ... lb. 14

Codfish—Man Yu ... lb. 18

Crisp—Hoi ... lb. 18

Cuttle Fish—Mak Yu ... lb. 18

Dab—Sha Mong Yu ... lb. 32

Dace—Wong Mei Lap ... lb. 10

Dog Fish—Titi To Sha ... lb. 10

Zela, Conger—Hoi Man ... lb. 14

fresh water—Tam Shui Yu ... lb. 24

Yellow—Wong Sin ... lb. 24

Frog—Tin Kai ... lb. 36

Garoupa—Shak Pan ... lb. 44

Gudgeon—Pak Pak Yu ... lb. 17

Herring—Tao Pak Yu ... lb. 22

Habib—Cheung Kwan Kap ... lb. 22

Laurus—Wong Pa Yu ... lb. 20

Loach—Wu Yu ... lb. 28

Lobster—Lung Ha ... lb. 28

Makora—O Yu ... lb. 22

Monk Fish—Mong Yu ... lb. 34

Mullet—Lai Yu ... lb. 16

Oysters—Shang Ho ... lb. 18

Parrot Fish—Kai Kung Yu ... lb. 14

Perch—Tao Yu ... lb. 18

Pike—Pa Pak Fong ... lb. 18

Plaice—Pan Yu ... lb. 16

Pomfret, Black—Hak Chung ... lb. 28

Pomfret, White—Pak Chung ... lb. 32

Prawns—Ming Yu ... lb. 34

Ray—Pai Pa Yu ... lb. 10

Pigeons, Canton—Pak Kap ... each 30
Hallow—Hoi Hui Pak Kap ... each 34
Turkey, Cook—Fo Kai Kung ... each 60
Turkey, Hoi—Fo Kai Na ... each 60
Salp—Sha Yu ... each 20
Pheasant—Shan Kai ... each 20
Quail—Om Chan ... each 20
Partridge—Che Ku ... each 20

FRUITS

Almonds—Huang Yan ... Cts. 18

Apples, (California)—Kam Shan ... 18

Bananas, (Bride's), Macao—San ... 5

Carambola—Yung To ... 11

Cocacuta—Yi Tai ... each 10

Lemons, China—Ling Mun ... lb. 8

Lemons, America—Sam Shan ... 7 each

Lichee, Dried, (small stone)—Lai Chi Kon ... lb. 28

Oranges, (Canton), (Sweet)—Shan-sheng Tin, Chang ... 10

Oranges, (Canton), (Sour)—Shan-sheng Tin, Chang ... 10

Pears, (Canton), (Cooking)—Sha Li ... 10

Peanuts—Fa Shang ... 10

Persimmons, Large—Hung To ... 18

Plantain—Titi Chiu ... 10

Pumelo, Siam—Tao Lo Yau ... each 11

Walnuts—Hop To ... lb. 14

Grapes—Po Tai Tai ... lb. 28

Vegetables, &c.

Artichokes—Ah Chi Cheuk ... each 4

Beans, Sprout—Ngau Tai ... lb. 4

Long—Tao Kok ... 9

Beet Root—Hong Tai Tau ... 9

Bitter Squash—Fu Kwa ... 7

Brinjia, Green—Ching Yung Kwai ... 5

Red—Hung Ke ... 5

Cabbage Chinese, (common)—Kai Tai ... 8

Shanghai—Yu Tai ... 18

Cane Shoots, bunch—Kau Shan ... 9

Cauliflower (Large)—Yu Tai Fae ... 10

(Medium) ... 10

Carrots—Kam Shan ... lb. 8

Celery, Chinese—Tong Kan Tai ... 9

Chilies, Dried—Koo Lai Chiu ... 25

Red—Hung Fa Chiu ... 12

Green—Ching Lai Chiu ... 8

Curry Stuff, English—Ka Li Chiu ... 10

Cucumbers—Ching Kwa ... each 2

Garlic—Sun Tau ... lb. 8

Ginger, young—Sun Tai Kung ... 8

Ginger, old—Lo Kung ... 10

Horseradish, Shanghai—Luk Kan ... 46

Indian Corn—Shuk Mai ... each 10

Lettuce—Young Shung Tai ... each 1

Water Chestnuts—Ma Tai ... lb. 5

Mandarin—Kwai ... 8

Mushrooms, Fresh—Shang Tai ... lb. 10

Onions, Bombay—Young Chung Tai ... lb. 8

Onions, Green—Shang Chung Tai ... 5

Onions, Shanghai—Sheng-hoi ... 6

Parsley—Kun Tai ... lb. 1.20

Potato, Sweet—Fan Shu ... 3

Japanese—Yai Fan Shu Tai ... lb. 3

American—Ya Kai Shu Tai ... lb. 8

Pumpkin—Tung Kwa ... lb. 3

Radish—Hung Lo Pak Tai ... 6

Rhubarb (Fresh)—Tai Wong ... 7

Shallots—Kong Chung Tai ... 7

Spinach—Yin Tai ... lb. 8

Tomatoes—Fan Ke ... lb. 4

Taro—Wu Tai ... lb. 4

Turnips, Fanti, (Long)—Lo Pak ... 4

Vegetable Marrow—Tait Kwa ... 5

Water Cress—Tait Yung Tai ... 15

Lily root—Lai Ngau ... 10

Yams—Tai Shu ... 9

HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been